

Our Mission: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - MAKE DISCIPLES
--



www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Registered Charity No. 246871

Sunday Cycle: Year A
Weekday Cycle: Year 1
Psalter Week 2

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

The communities across our parish rely on the committed discipleship of their members. Whether it is our sacristans, catechists, readers, welcomers, faith-sharing groups, cleaners, those who visit the sick and housebound, flower arrangers, street pastors, those involved in all the different areas of charitable outreach or involved in ecumenical activities; whatever it is, our communities depend on them.

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us that if we want to be followers of his, we have to renounce ourselves, take up our cross and follow him. He goes on to say that anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but that anyone who loses their life for his sake, will find it. I have always found this passage very challenging as I'm sure many of us have. What does it mean to "take up our cross and follow him" and what do we need to do?

For the early Christians, the cross would have had very special significance. Born into an age of Roman occupation, the prolonged suffering and death caused by crucifixion would have been very familiar and very powerful for them. With the passage of the centuries the horrors become less present to us and have less impact. We are very unlikely to suffer crucifixion but all of us will have to confront a measure of suffering in our lives as the price of being followers of the Lord. Each of us will have our own cross to bear.

For me, taking up our cross has to involve some element of denial of self, of self-sacrifice. Not to extinguish all joy and fulfilment in life but in a refusal to be drawn into a self-centred existence which is content to go along with the lifestyle and morals of our secular society. To be prepared to step out of our comfort zone and to stand up for what we believe in as baptised followers of Christ.

But our following must be done in the right way. Not for self-gratification, not necessarily for personal satisfaction but so that the message of Jesus Christ is made clear to all we come into contact with. Whether they are from our own communities, people drawn to us or who want something from us. Not doing it for our own sake but so that through us they get a sense of God's love for them.

We celebrate all those committed people who work for the glory of God in our parish. But the call is for every one of us to reflect on God's call, to come forward and to offer themselves. The *Called and Gifted* process in our parish earlier this year gave many the opportunity to discern God's call for them. But all of us need to be prepared to answer the call.

And to answer that call in the right way. In a way that is not self-seeking and self-regarding but that gives something of ourselves. As today's second reading from St Paul to the Romans says so eloquently: *"Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change...to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do."*

Deacon Paul Owen

Parish Office: Holy Cross Church, 53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF

Tel.: 023 8027 3882. Email: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Office hours: Monday– Wednesday 9am-4.00pm Thursday & Friday 9.30-2.30 Newsletter items should be received by Wednesday 12:00 noon

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Psalm Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God..

**Readings for next Sunday September 10th 2017
23rd Sunday of the Year**

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

1st reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm: 94

2nd reading: Romans 13:8-10

Journey in Faith: The formal sessions on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at St Edward the Confessor Church have now ended for the summer break. The group will continue to meet and Fr Wojciech will lead sessions on Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of scripture). All are welcome to attend.

Fellowship Group. Meetings will recommence after the Summer - date to be confirmed.

More details from Bob Birtles

bbirtles@portsouthdiocese.co.uk 02380 692416 or

Peter Baggott 02380 694060

Preparation for Baptism.

If you wish to have your child baptised, please contact the Parish Office for an application form, and return the completed form to the office. Then we look forward to welcoming parents for an essential Preparation Session on September 3rd 2017 at Holy Cross Resource Centre. The meeting begins at 4.30pm and ends at 6.00pm. It would be very helpful if you could arrive a little early and refreshments will be available from 4.15pm.

First Holy Communion Preparation 2017 - 2018

For children in year 3 or above:

Application forms are available in the Welcome areas of all our churches.

Please complete and return to the **Parish Office by Monday 9th October 2017.**

(Parish Office Holy Cross Church, 53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF)

There will be a meeting for all parents who have completed and returned application forms on

Tuesday 17th October 2017 7.00pm at St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School,

Hillcrest Avenue, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2JP

St Swithun Wells Prayer Link

Please take a copy of the Prayer Sheet, "Summer 2017" to use at home and so join many others in prayer. I will continue to send Prayer Requests and updates throughout the summer. Please contact me if you would like to receive these emails or have a request for prayer. Marion. marionbirtles@gmail.com (02380 692416)

There will be a **2nd Collection** next weekend at all churches for the Catholic Education Service

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS)

Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral

Please come and join in the celebration of Holy Mass at 12:15pm at St John the Evangelist's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Monday 4 September 2017. It is an opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of the AoS in ports of your diocese. A reception will follow the Mass. For more information contact salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH A 6 session course to explore the practical benefits of prayer, presented by CAFÉ (*Catholic association for faith exploration*) Beginning October 10 and 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm at 20 Mottisfont Lodge, Alma Road, Romsey SO51 8AG. If you would like to come please contact Mrs Sheila Keefe Tel: 01794 518071 s.keefe@btopenworld.com or Mrs Kathy Thompson 01794 341102 kthompson@yahoo.co.uk

St Wilfred's Pilgrimage Walk - Sat 9th Sept

St Wilfred founded many Saxon churches in the Meon Valley during the C7th. Members of OLQA plan to visit up to five of them between Droxford & Warnford on Sat 9th (1000-1430). Anyone who is interested or would like more details, please contact Angus Somerville on angussomerville@hotmail.com or 07929 867472.

Celebrate Weekend is taking place at St. George Catholic College on Sat 30th Sept & Sun 1st Oct. Full details can be found on www.celebrateconference.org or by phoning Peter & Lynda on: 02380292058. Last year we were fully booked so it would be advisable for anyone wishing to attend to apply in good time. For reasons of security and safeguarding we are not able to accept anyone who "turns up on the day".

Parishioners unable to get to Mass

If you are aware of any parishioner who cannot attend Mass because of age, infirmity etc then please contact the parish office and let them know. Similarly, if you have not seen a parishioner at Mass for a while then please let the parish office know.

Thank you- Summer Tea in aid of Fledge

Thank you to all who helped and supported the Summer Tea. The total sum raised was £450. Fledge is a Christian Charity operating in Eastleigh. The aim of the Charity is to nurture vulnerable and homeless young people from the Borough of Eastleigh, by providing supported housing, mentoring and supported lodgings

Bereavement Group Cessation meeting September 7th at 8pm in the Gallery at Holy Cross Church .

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections :£1,089.23

SO/SD for the month of £14,244.59

Fair Trade Weekend at St Edward's

Fair Trade goods will be on sale on Saturday evening and Sunday morning after both Masses on September 16th and 17th September respectively in the Cloister.

The Apostleship of the Sea and Caritas

are organising a joint "Stella Maris" Drop-in centre in St. Bernard's Holbury to provide a place of welcome and hospitality to seafarers arriving at Southampton dock. For those volunteers who have already signed up or who have not signed up but interested in learning more, please note that a training session will take place at: **St. Bernard's, Holbury on Tuesday September 5th at 7pm.**

Thank you from Jane Hough I had a really lovely letter from Christian Aid thanking us for the moving and exceptionally generous gifts totalling £4,137.66 in memory of my husband Dr James Hough they advised that when people have given as generously they offer the ability to restrict their gift to one of their 'match-funded' projects'. Match-funding from the EU quadruples our donation to £16,550.64!! It was suggested to give to a project in Ghana which focusses on economic development and training of Young People and Women in vocational and business skills. A VERY fitting memorial to my husband and his work in Developing countries worldwide. Thank you all for your help.

Jane Hough St Swithun Wells

A new **Christmas Fayre** is being held at the King's School, Fair Oak on Saturday 18th November 2017, with all profits from stall fees and admission going to the Christian charity Equip, which works in Rwanda (www.equip.org) providing vocational education for young people. Anyone wishing to have a pitch to sell crafts should contact bob@equipuk.org. The fee for a pitch will be £5 plus the contribution of a gift for a raffle prize. The Fayre will run from 11am – 3pm.

Just 1 week away Tickets are on sale for **Parish Family Barbeque** on Sunday 10th September, 1pm at St Edwards. The Knights of St Columba will be selling tickets at Masses this weekend at £8, with FREE entry for under-12's. Profits to our Lourdes fund. Great food and company both promised! Also see posters.

Tiny Footprints Babies & Toddlers Group

Starts Tuesday 12th September 10am -12 midday. All Welcome at St Edward Confessor Church. £2 per family.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

St Swithun Wells Primary School 023 80266210;

St George Catholic V.A. College 023 8032 2603;

St Anne's Catholic School 023 8032 8200;

Charlton House 023 8067 7575

St Mary's Independent School 023 8067 1267

60 club. After a summer break, the 60 Club will meet again on Monday 4 September. As before, in Holy Cross Resource Centre, from 2 pm to 4pm. You will all be very welcome, so please come along.

Maureen on 02380 692682

Oasis Parish Women's Group : Tuesday 12 Sept

We will be focussing on prayer – including time for sharing and praying together. Please try to join us for a great start to our new season. More information to follow; watch this space! **ALL LADIES WARMLY WELCOMED.** Meet as usual at 7:30pm, St Edward's, finish by 9pm.

Parish Lunch, Tuesday 12th September, 12.15pm at The Hunters Inn, top of Winchester Hill, Romsey. Menus on the notice boards. All are welcome. If you'd like to come, please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal before Monday 4th September as we have to preorder. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING will be held in the cloister at St. Edward the Confessor Church. The diocese mandates completion of a diocesan safeguarding training session for all volunteers in ministries which involve working with either children and/or vulnerable adults. If you are considering volunteering for a new ministry you are most welcome to attend. To reserve a place please contact your local church safeguarding representative or the diocesan safeguarding office.

SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING SESSION on Saturday, 7th October, from 10am to 12:30pm. This session is for volunteers who have already attended diocesan training but need to refresh their knowledge. The diocese mandates safeguarding training is refreshed every 3 to 5 years.

A CHILD PROTECTION SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSION on Saturday, 14th October, from 10am to 12:30pm. This sessions covers child protection issues and the safeguarding of children. The diocese mandates completion of a diocesan safeguarding training session for all volunteers in ministries which involve working with either children and/or vulnerable adults.

A VULNERABLE ADULT SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSION on Saturday, 14th October, from 1:30pm to 4:00pm. This session covers vulnerable adult protection issues and the safeguarding of vulnerable adults. The diocese mandates completion of a diocesan safeguarding training session for all volunteers in ministries which involve working with vulnerable adults. For further information or to reserve a place please contact your local church safeguarding representative.

St. Edward's church representative is Ann Richards who can be contracted by email:

stedwardssafeguarding@gmail.com

Holy Cross and St. Swithun Wells representative is Joan Rees who can be contracted by email:

joaniewee@hotmail.com Alternatively the diocesan

safeguarding office can be contacted on 02392 836511.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 2nd Sept Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Michael Foster RIP	Thurs 7th	9.30am	HC	Armstrong Family Intentions
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	Father George Lyons RIP (Anniversary)		6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Father George Lyons RIP (Anniversary)				
Sun 3rd	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 8th	10.00am	St Ed	Thanksgiving
	9.00am	St Ed			10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Susan & Harold Butcher RIP (Anniversary)				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Timothy & Penny Bible RIP				
	11.00am	HC	Oliver Armstrong RIP (Anniversary)				
				Sat 9th	9.30am	HC	Rev Murphy O'Connor FM
Mon 4th	10.00am	St Ed	Patrick Lake RIP	Sat 9th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Sheila Gallagher RIP
					6.00pm	St J	
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	Friends of Suffering Souls
Tues 5th	9.30am	HC	Wiggins & Hoskins Families	Sun 10th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A	NO MASS		9.00am	St Ed	Maria Szczetnikowicz RIP
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A	Bernadette & Owen Holloway Silver Wedding Anniversary
Wed 6th	9.30am	HC	NO MASS		9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Ed	Jerry McDonnell FM (Moved from HC)		11.00am	St J	
					11.00am	HC	Loreto Antonio Mollicone RIP (Anniversary)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00 1.00pm
Thursday—St ED **NO HOLY Hour Until 12th OCT**
Thursday - St J from Noon–6.00pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm (before Mass at 6pm)Thursday -
Friday St A Morning Prayer and Adoration 10.00am

Rosary	St Edward	9.30 am	Wednesday	The Holy Rosary
And	St Joseph	6.00pm	Wednesday	Evening Prayer
Prayers	St Andrews	10.00am	Friday	Morning Prayer

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Saturdays:	10.00am	Holy Cross Church
	12 noon	St Edward the Confessor
	5.30pm	Our Lady Queen of Apostles
	5.30pm	St. Joseph's Church
Sundays:	8.30am	St. Andrew's Church.

St Ed St. Edward's 191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU
 OLQA Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham.SO32 1DN
 HC Holy Cross, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. SO50 9DF
 St Sw St. Swithun Wells, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB
 St A **St. Andrew's**, Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley SO52 9EP
 St J **St. Joseph's Church** Abbey House Drive, Romsey SO51 8YB

Mgr John Nelson (Parish Priest)

Tel: 023 8061 2430
 jnelson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Fr Wojciech Paszko (Assistant Priest)

Tel: 01794 512599
 wpaszko@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Canon Alan Griffiths (Assistant Priest)

Tel: 07760220346
 frgriffiths@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Fr David Whitehead (Retired Priest)

Tel: 02380 260824

POLISH PRIEST: Fr Zbigniew Budyn

Tel: 023 8178 6316

Deacon Bob Birtles Tel: 023 8069 2416
 bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Deacon John di Meo Tel: 01794 515688
 jdimeo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Deacon Paul Owen Tel: 023 8025 4806
 powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Deacon Paul Wilson Tel: 07502 030408
 pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Holy Cross Resource Centre & Finance Admin: Linda Roberts Tel: 023 8065 8339
 lroberts@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Office Kristina Blake
 Tel: 023 80 27 3882
 stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk